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FOURTEEN CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS WIN AT 13TH ANNUAL INSPIRING CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS AWARDS

13 May 2010– Endorsed by the Ministry of Education, the 13th Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards is organised by Lianhe Zaobao, co-organised by Singapore Chinese Middle School Teachers' Association and Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union, and sponsored by Lee Foundation.

The objective of the awards is to give due recognition to teachers who have displayed exemplary efforts in the teaching of Chinese language and culture in Singapore. These Chinese teachers have also, over the past year, inspired their students to develop appreciation for the Chinese language and culture.

14 Chinese language teachers from six primary schools, five secondary schools and three junior colleges were chosen from 1,300 nominations to be this year's winners. The nominations were put up by school principals, teachers, parents and students.

Nominated teachers went through three rounds of judging, including an interview conducted by the panel. The panel of judges comprised:

- Dr Chan Chiu Ming, Asian Languages & Cultures, National Institute of Education
- Dr Chin Chee Kuen, Executive Director, Singapore Centre for Chinese Language
- Associate Professor Ong Chang Woei, Deputy Head, Department of Chinese Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
- Mr Tan Say Choon, Head, Chinese Language Unit, Mother Tongue Languages Branch, Curriculum Planning & Development Division, Ministry of Education
- Mr Yeo Swee Hong, Executive Editor, Lianhe Zaobao

The winners will each receive a trophy and cash prize of \$500. In addition, they will go on a specially arranged study trip to China during the December school holidays.

This year's awards presentation will be held in conjunction with the launch of the Singapore Book Fair 2010 on 29 May 2010 at Suntec Singapore, Level 2, Ballroom 1. Dr Amy Khor, Mayor of South West District & Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment and Water Resources, will be guest-of-honour for both events. She will also be presenting the awards.

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